

Mari McCaig Bellinger

Education:

University of Honolulu, Chaminade. M.S. Counseling Psychology.
University of Hawaii, Manoa, B.A. Political Science/French
Universite de Lyons, Lyons, France. Diplôme des Études Étrangères

Employment :

- 2011-2019** **Chair, Crime Victim Compensation Committee**
As Chair of the Commission, my responsibilities are to convene hearings to determine awards to victim applicants, to hear appeals from administrative decisions ordering or denying compensation and set policy for the determination of claims submitted to the Commission. The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assist the victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. The Commission also administers a Restitution Recovery Project to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and disburse the collected funds to the victims of crime.
- 1989-2011:** **Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, City and County of Honolulu**
Victim/Witness Counselor providing counseling and support to victims and witnesses involved in criminal cases. Caseload includes Murders, Assaults, Robberies, Sex Assaults, Domestic Violence and other felonies. Director of the Visitor Assistance Program, a Federally funded project supported by the U.S. Department of Justice, whose mission is to provide prompt and comprehensive services to visitors who are victimized by crime during their stay in Hawaii.
- 1998-2003:** **National Center for PTSD,**
Research Therapist working with battered women and sex assault victims as part of a Federal Study on the efficacy of Cognitive Therapy in the treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- 1985-1989:** **Catholic Social Services , Kalihi Valley Homes, Honolulu Hawaii**
Community Development Specialist/Community Organizer: Worked with residents and helped organize the Community Association. E and coordinated after school tutoring program. Taught parenting and

citizenship classes. Recruited students for minority programs at the University of Hawaii. Created gang prevention programs and employment training for youth in the community.

1976-1986: **Ethnic Studies Department, University of Hawaii**
Lecturer in various courses, including, Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Caucasians in Hawaii, Social Change in Hawaii. Also worked as Resource Center Coordinator, oversaw staffing of the center and ordered and catalogued materials and conducted outreach to the community.

1976-1978: **Child and Family Services**
Worked in a community group-home setting with troubled teenagers providing counseling and life skills training. Interfaced with the Department of Education, Family Court, Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility and social service agencies to coordinated delivery of services to clients.

Community Service, Awards and Professional Membership

- Liberty Bell Award, (2003). Awarded by The Hawaii Bar Association for exemplary service to the community.
- Member: Psi Chi (National Honor Society in Psychology), American Psychological Association.
- Certified Cognitive Trauma Therapist.
- Board Certified Counselor NCC, American Psychological Association.
- Board of Directors, Susannah Wesley Community Center.
- Board of Directors and Secretary of Fetu’Ao, Samoan Community organization.
- Board of Directors, Peoples Fund
- Board of Directors Honolulu Biennial Commission
- Board of Directors Hina’ea: A Place for Healing
- Community Advisory Board, Department of Ethnic Studies, UH Manoa
- Visitor Aloha Society – Volunteer
- Sisters Offering Support - Volunteer
- HGEA – Retirement Committee
- Community Organizer Chinatown (PACE)

Publications

Cognitive Trauma Therapy for Battered Women with PTSD. (2004). Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology. Co-author with Dr. Edward Kubany et al.

Healing the Trauma of Domestic Violence, A Workbook for Women. New Harbinger Press. (2004). Co-author with Dr. Edward Kubany and Janet Laconsay.

Kalihi Valley Housing Needs Assessment. (1988) Kalihi Valley Community Association.